



New Mexico Federated Republican Women Newsletter

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President's Corner **NMFRW President** **Rhonda Stockert**

The primary is over and candidates have been chosen, now the work begins to get our candidates elected - our State needs us. New Mexico finds itself at crossroads and we must choose what direction

will be taken. Do the people choose liberal rhetoric - praising socialistic redistribution of wealth through promises of the Democratic Party or do the people go with free market principles and individual rights, which were granted by the Creator under our U.S. Constitution. The United States was built on rights of the individual, not the collective. The America that I know values the hard work of individuals, who pursue their dreams of a better life.

As President of New Mexico Federated Republican Women, I hope individualism and the vision of a better future for our children and grandchildren will be our prevailing message going forward. It will require opening a dialogue with everyone we meet, sharing this vision in a respectful way. We cannot be complacent about standing up and fighting for the rights of people to live their dreams and accomplish their goals in a free society that operates under the *rule of law* applied equally to all.

I plan on bringing in speakers that offer this message of making choices for ourselves and family, along with ideas on how to start this conversation with others. I also want to offer more sessions on topics that are important to us as women. **I see a Red Wave coming and Republican Women are ideally equipped to cancel out the Blue Ripple of Liberals and Socialists. Ladies, are you ready?**

NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports

First Vice President – Joan Boué

As 1st Vice President, I have secured a special speaker for our Friday night event on October 19 in Albuquerque (Fall Board Meeting). The NMFRW

Executive Committee has approved Debbie Georgatos. Ms. Georgatos has lived in Dallas since 2000, and before that in Washington DC, New York, and San Diego. She is a conservative Republican, who has served as:

- Park City Republican Women President,
- Former Dallas County Republican Party Chair,
- Heritage Foundation steering committee member,
- Campaign consultant and conservative strategist,
- Authored the book "*Ladies, Can We Talk.*"
- An attorney, and
- Host of the "*America, Can We Talk*" radio talk show.

Rhonda has heard her in person and I heard her on the Internet. She is outstanding!! Please note our Saturday NMFRW Fall Board Luncheon is reserved for our candidates.

Second Vice President – Julie Wright - No report

Achievement Awards Report – Gwen Poe

As of today, the 2018-2019 forms are not online, and phone service is miserable. Please use an older form you have for review. I am distributing a booster sheet for keeping track of activities and events. Now is the time for political action and keeping track of hours and events.

The Awards Program is a good foundation that receives a few nudges from term to term, but basics are long standing. There are five elements: **Club Function, Membership Development, Programs, Campaign Activities, and Community Relations.** Each section has different criteria and score values.

It is my ambition to see NM have 100% participation. National gives Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Diamond awards based on points scored. In the 2016-17 cycle, NM did have 100% participation. Three clubs participated, 2 clubs achieved Bronze, 4 clubs - Silver, 3 clubs - Gold, and 3 clubs - Diamond.

Americanism Report – Patricia Rothengass

I have been the NMFRW Americanism Chair for the past year. I have reported on the Flag and its beginnings; told you about *Flags Across Manhattan Beach* and DACFRW's Essay Contest for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Las Cruces Private Schools.

Now I need your help. I need to know if your club has an Americanism chair and what your club is doing. By sharing we can get more ideas to all the clubs. If you do not have an Americanism chair I would love to help you establish one.

Americanism is all about the **Flag**. Let's promote ways to honor our Flag and the people who have sacrificed, so we are able to wave it proudly. Looking forward to hearing from all NMFRW clubs.

Caring for America – Charlotte Sweeney

No report.

Community Engagement – No report.

Fundraising – 3rd VP Ginger Paternostro

NMFRW held a drawing for a Glock 45 pistol. FRW clubs were each sent tickets and asked to sell them for \$10 each and then reimbursed \$3 for each ticket sold. Christy Atkinson won and will travel to Roswell to pick up the prize this weekend.

Member-at-Large – Jeanine Bingham-Kelly

I attended the RPNM Pre-Primary Convention. All candidates were given the opportunity to speak to the delegates. The only contested race was Congressional District 2, where State Representative Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo and former Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman secured their places on the Republican primary election ballot.

I was unable to attend the State Central Committee held June 11 in Roswell.

Member-at-Large – Anita Statman

During this reporting period I have:

- Solicited a bid from an SFFRW member, who maintains our club's website to prepare a bid to do the same for NMFRW.
- Participated in the RPNM Primary Convention.
- Forwarded candidates' contact info to NMFRW.
- Working with RPNM, forwarded contact info and petitions for all Republican candidates running in uncontested elections to the NMFRW president, so information could be shared with NM clubs.
- Formed a committee of national security and homeland security experts, as Chairman for the Homeland Security Committee/NFRW.
- Attended the Nat'l FRW Spring Board Meeting in Virginia and presented our Committee Report.
- Conducted conference calls with President of NFRW and HLS Committee to begin work on deliverable 6 and 8 from our proposal.

RNC Report – Rosie Tripp

The RNC met in May in Miami, FL. The RNC reported that it is in very good financial state. We are way ahead of the DNC in fundraising and have no debt. I have been appointed to a subcommittee of nine to survey our members about how to have more

effective meetings. After several conference calls, this committee will gather the information and meet later this month to evaluate the information.

RPNM is having a fundraising event on June 20 with featured speaker Ronna Romney McDaniel, RNC Chairman, at the Hyatt Hotel. Everyone is encouraged to buy a ticket and attend the dinner that night at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person and can be bought through RPNM. Email pam@gopnm.org

I will be hosting a *Women in Leadership* reception prior to the dinner and invite all of you to attend.

Ronna will meet with women legislators, NMFRWs and women from across the state. Let's help give Ronna a warm welcome to NM.

Scholarship – Ginger Paternostro

The NMFRW \$1,500 scholarship was won by Brianna Meeks, stepdaughter of our Chavez County Commissioner, and associate member of CCFRW.

Senior Americans – No Report

New Mexico Club Presidents' News

Region A Director – Sadie Boyer

FRW Clubs in Region A, their Presidents and #s are:

- Four Corners FRW- Jeanine Bingham-Kelly (134)
- Los Alamos FRW – Dawn Voss (21)
- Santa Fe FRW – Sharon Mottola (59)
- Taos County FRW – Sadie Boyer (15)

Four Corners FRW meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Piñon Hills Community Church in Farmington, NM.

Santa Fe FRW has luncheon meetings on the first Thursday of each month at noon at the Inn of Loretto.

I continue to encourage Los Alamos FRW in the work they do to grow the club and keep all informed.

Taos FRW meets the third Saturday of odd numbered months at Taos Headquarters at 9 a.m.

I would like each club to pay close attention in the upcoming November election to absentee ballots of all registered Republicans, conservative Democrats and Independent voters. Making sure that these ballots make it into the County Clerk's office will help our candidates tremendously.

I appreciate the time and effort of each President, the officers and all members, as they continue to work tirelessly towards accomplishing their goals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever the need arises. My e-mail address and phone number: (575)770-0993 and [sadieb130@gmail.com](mailto:sadie130@gmail.com).

Four Corners Report – Jeanine Bingham-Kelly

Currently we have 163 members (37 are new) and 49 associates and 6 of whom are new. For programs, we have had candidates, candidates, and more candidates

speak. We typically have over a **100 people per month attending our meetings.**

In May we gathered items for our *Caring for America* projects which included *Catholic Charities* and *Four Winds Recovery Center*. As usual, our members were more than generous in their donations.

We contributed \$5,500 to our PAC in the Primary and will contribute \$5,500 in the General for a total of \$11,000, which is the maximum we can contribute. The County Party secured a location for a campaign headquarters and our members will begin staffing it soon. One mission of Four Corners FRW is to recruit women to run as candidates. In this year's election cycle, we had 4 members who ran for office - 3 of them won their elections and 1 was appointed. The one that was appointed was removed by the Secretary of State for invalid petitions, but we are confident we can get her elected as a write in candidate.

Projections are that San Juan County must get 66% of the vote in the General for our statewide candidates. Our club is getting geared up and we are going to do our best to get that number for our candidates.

Los Alamos FRW – President Dawn Voss,
Candidate for Los Alamos County Council!

2018 Events for the LAFRW:

- March 8 voter registration with County Clerk.
- April 12 Republican Candidate Meet and Greet.
- April 28 Patriots Day Dinner with RPLA.
Our speaker was the general Manager of Centerra, Colonel Ted Spain, USA (retired). Sometimes known as the "*Sheriff of Baghdad*," Col. Spain commanded the U.S. Army Military Police in and around Baghdad during the first year of the Iraq War. He is an excellent speaker and is the author of "*Breaking Iraq: The Ten Mistakes that Broke Iraq*." For more information please see: <https://www.ladailyreport.com/content/sheriff-baghdad-comes-los-alamos>
- May 10 - Political Personalities with Shona Neff.
- June 23 - Garage Sale – \$10 fee to participate.
- Provide funding to a Junior to attend Girls' State.

Action Items:

- Volunteers for July 4 celebration.
- Rodeo Parade and booth volunteers.
- Create a website for LAFRW and RPLA.

Raising Funds:

- Shona Neff is working on a Paint Night at the Pig and Fig Restaurant. **We will paint an elephant!**
- Garage sale on June 23.
- Wreath making workshop.

Young Republicans/TARS: We want to do what we can to ensure this group gets off the ground. Need to find an over-all coordinator, leader reps for

both groups, and someone to head up the Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter.

- Coordinate all this with the local party.
- Contacted Lori Thompson about using her classroom.
- In need of volunteers to run the club.

Ideas for future meetings: *High Tea/High Noon* trip to the gun range (dressing up, or at least a fancy hat for the outing) and a Mom Prom (dressing up and going bowling).

Santa Fe FRW – President Sharon Mottola

SFFRW had a full slate of candidates at all our spring meetings. In February we hosted Michelle Garcia Holmes; in March - Michael Hendricks; in April - three appellate court judges (Steve French, Hank Bonhoff and Daniel Gallegos). In May we finished with JoHanna Cox, Pat Lyons, and Lisa Shin.

We are currently planning our *August Gala* on August 11 at La Fonda Hotel. Our guest speaker will be Mark Geist, co-author of "*13 Hours in Benghazi: The Inside Account of what Really Happened*," and he should know, as he was one of the heroes whose actions on Sept. 11, 2012, saved the lives of dozens of Americans at the U.S. Consulate. We will also **honor Marianne Chiffelle as our 2018 Lady of Liberty**. If that weren't reason enough to attend, we will also be having silent and live auctions with many wonderful items. Tickets can be purchased on our website (www.santafefrw.com) for \$125/person before July 6 and \$150 after. A champagne VIP reception with Mark will be held at 4:30 p.m. Those tickets include dinner and are \$250/person. You may also reserve a dinner table for 8 people. We are still looking for sponsorships to help defray the cost of the event, so we can donate more money to our Republican candidates. We look forward to seeing everyone in Santa Fe in August. Some hotel rooms will be available at a discount for attendees.

SFFRW currently has 63 members and 10 associate members. Our bank balance is up due to pre-paid Gala tickets; however, we have major expenses related to our speaker and venue to cover yet.

Taos County FRW – President Sadie F. Boyer

The Taos County FRW's general meetings are held five times a year on the third Saturday of the following months (unless otherwise re-scheduled): January, March, May, September, and November. Our meetings are held at the Kachina Lodge in Taos, NM, beginning at 9 a.m. with a no-host breakfast followed by our program and business meeting. The officers are: President Sadie F. Boyer, 1st Vice President Geraldine Sanchez, 2nd Vice President Ramona Lujan, Secretary & Data Entry Linda Rael, and Treasurer Virginia Laughlin.

Since my last report, we:

- Finalized our method of fundraising;
- Sold 65 NMFRW tickets for a 9MM Glock;
- Discussed the 2018 up-coming primary and November election; passed out yard signs and bumper sticker to friends, family and neighbors;
- Attended the opening of the Steve Pearce and Republican candidate headquarters in Albuq.;
- Organized the closing of the GOP HQ;
- Hosted a “Thank You” and going away celebration for our GOP Chairman, Ken Scarborough and our beloved TCFRW 2nd Vice-Chair, Eva Pace, as they move back to Texas;
- Participated and helped organize a meeting with Mich Rich, candidate for U.S. Senator;
- Invited Court of Appeals Judges Emil Kiehne and Hank Bohnhoff and NM Supreme Court Justice Gary Clingman to our May meeting.
- Discussed ways to increase voter registration opportunities, the importance of absentee ballots and getting Republicans, conservative Democrats and Independent registered voters to the polls;
- Several members attended a Grassroots Leadership Academy held at the Taos Quality Inn;
- I gave reports at the January NMFRW Winter Board meeting in Santa Fe.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for July 14 at the Taos Kachina Lodge Dining Room.

Region B Director – Hazel W. (Winnie) Schmidt

Region B consists of six active Clubs. As new director, I joined all the Clubs as an associate member and have been attending their meetings.

Rio Grande FRW is a very vibrant Club, which meets in Belen. Evening meetings give most members an opportunity to attend more often. Many husbands attend and being a small community, many candidates and officials have been attending.

San/Bern FRW is another vibrant Club. Every meeting is packed with 40-45 members, associates and guests. Candidates have been speaking. Julie Wright is the new president.

ZIA FRW was saddened by the passing of Marianne Chiffelle and Arnetta Joyner. They will be missed.

I am concerned with the low attendance of other Clubs. We need to put our heads together and look for ideas to increase our participation.

The total membership in Region B as of 4/22/2018 is 167 and last year’s membership was 193.

Albuquerque FRW – Charlotte Sweeney

AFRW continues to invite speakers with relevant information to our club and the community. Each month we have Republican speakers with messages of motivation, crime prevention, and policy issues.

We invite candidates running for a range of elected positions.

Each month we provide members with a newsletter with important information on upcoming events, meetings in our club, the county and the state. The topics each month coincide with current events.

Members are working to further the Republican agenda and message. We have members who are candidates and those who are helping with the campaign. Volunteer hours have not yet been tallied.

Metro FRW – Hazel ‘Winnie’ Schmidt

As of April, METRO FRW had 33 paid members and 8 associates. We generally have 20-25 attending our meetings. We made Fran Langholf an Honorary member. She has been a member of METRO FRW for many years, but due to health and age is unable to attend meetings. She served the Republican Community for many years.

We have contracted to have our meetings at the Marriott Hotel, I-40 and Louisiana in Albuquerque. The staff revamped the menu to accommodate special needs diets of our members.

Our fund raiser from pledges of the members has been successful and we reached our goal of \$5,000.

We gathered signatures for the primary candidates. Republicans were mostly unopposed, so the primary was fairly quiet. We will have to work hard the next few months to get our candidates elected.

We continued to have candidates speak at our meetings. We postponed our March meeting one week in order to have Dr. Terry Neese, Past NAWBO National President. She is a small business advocate and International Relations Executive. Fifty people attended and everyone enjoyed her presentation.

We continue to distribute a large number of handouts with information related to our FRW efforts, as well as our local Republican Party.

We sold 8 NMFRW tickets to members of our group.

A nominating committee has been formed for election of officers for the 2019 year. We will have our swearing in during our November meeting, since we meet every other month.

Rio Grande FRW – Carol S. Chupp

After being accepted as a club at the NMFRW Winter Board Meeting, we started off with a bang. Our club provided refreshments for the Valencia County Pre-Primary and several members were elected delegates to the NMRP Pre-Primary, which was great fun and a good time networking with other NM Republicans.

In February, Valencia County Clerk, and fellow Republican, Peggy Carabajal, spoke to us on “Candidate Filing Rules and Timelines” and told us how she got involved in politics and public service.

In March we co-sponsored a table with RPVC at the St. Patrick's Day Balloon Rally in Belen. Lt. Governor Candidate Michelle Garcia Holmes spoke at our meeting and inspired us all.

In April, Secretary of State Candidate Johanna Cox spoke. Our first fundraiser, a Spring Tea/Silent Auction, was orchestrated by our VP Kathy Jaramillo and her team. This event was successful, beautiful and well attended.

In May, we co-sponsored a Sheriff's Forum with RPVC, which was recorded and put on FB and the RPVC Website. All six Republican candidates participated and over 80 people attended. We sold 44 tickets for the NMFRW Gun Drawing.

We currently have 21 members and 17 associates - average meeting attendance is 20-25. Any candidates who attend are given two minutes to speak.

We have had some struggles with members not adhering to those bylaws regarding officers/club not endorsing or sponsoring candidates in contested primaries. We have also had some turn-over on the board. I would like to personally thank President Rhonda Stockert for her guidance and support, also Winnie Schmidt, who has attended most of our meetings. I have attended several club meetings in my Region, to get ideas and network.

Now that the Primary is over and we have our Republican Candidates, **our board and club are ready to move forward in unity, with energy and excitement to get our candidates elected.**

Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain

Rio Rancho FRW is strong and growing with members and associates.

Mayor Gregg Hull presented the "State of the City" report at our January meeting. Starting in February we had candidates for the city of Rio Rancho election. We reached out to the many Republican candidates. Some responded and some did not.

Our June meeting will have LD 60 Rep. Tim Lewis; Emma Mitchell, a graduate of Cleveland High reading her letter to the editor regarding students' feelings on school violence; and Secretary of State Candidate JoHanna Cox, as our speakers.

At our July meeting we will have a forum on school violence to include speakers on law enforcement and Judge Robert Cook.

We will have a 4th of July Parade float and feature a candidate.

San Bern FRW – Julie Wright

President Sandra Atwood resigned in March. I was elected President (then serving as 2nd VP). I am blessed with the best of friends, in that past board members stepped in to help, with Linda Shaughnessy

as 1st VP for Programs, Janis Lynch as 2nd VP in charge of membership, and Sandra Salamon as Newsletter Editor. I owe them my deepest love, gratitude and respect, for without their involvement I would not be here today.

We have 44 members, 21 associates, and 3 others promised to join. We meet at Pelicans West, but will have to find another place, as we are busting out of the room. Speakers this year were Janice Arnold-Jones, Eddy Aragon, Paul Gessing, Michelle Garcia Holmes, Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull, Rep. Jason Harper, Senator Craig Brandt, Mick Rich, Commissioner Jay Block, and Freedom House.

In addition to becoming President, I have also stepped in to help the Party by working with Chairman Robert Aragon as 2nd Vice Chair for the BCGOP. Working with both groups has been fulfilling. Our membership is growing rapidly – our group is both focused and dedicated to helping our Republican candidates get elected. As we did not have a major fundraiser planned this year, members are dedicating either time and/or money to help - canvassing for candidates; helping with mailers, calling for candidates, or sending in checks.

Recently we asked our 42 luncheon attendees to sign up and help should the Sandoval County GOP office open and we had a full page of volunteers. They ARE determined to stop the liberal left from gaining another inch. Another full page of volunteers was taken for the annual *Sunday is Funday*.

I leave you with words from Robert Aragon, Chairman of the BCGOP, ***"It is imperative that we do not give an inch. STOP apologizing for being a conservative, and start advocating with zealously, conviction and vigor."*** Hear, Hear!

ZIA FRW – Paula McAllister

We had a number of illnesses and deaths of our members this year. We miss Marianne very much. Zia installed a new president in March. Most officers continued in their 2-year term. Our fundraising chair (3rd VP) has been ill this year and our board is deciding what to do about it. We have recruited one new member and will re-build our membership.

Our group has an active program of candidates speaking at our monthly lunch meetings and has donated to many Republican candidates for office. We continue to publish a monthly newsletter. We participated in NMFRW's Fundraiser - the Glock drawing. Our officers are also visiting our sister FRWs across the state. We are encouraging our members to volunteer for candidates and to contribute to campaign funds privately. We actively support Albuquerque Police outreaches. Several other charitable outreaches have also been supported.

Region C Director – Teresa Barncastle

Special recognition goes out to Lea County FRW for being the only club in the state to increase its membership from last year's numbers. They increased their membership by 14 members. We should all be taking a lesson from them.

Region C Clubs hosted many, if not all, of the candidates for Congressional District 2. With four candidates in the race, it proved to be a highly contested race. State Representative Yvette Herrell won the primary and now all clubs are planning to campaign hard for her success. She is already scheduled to speak at the July 18 meeting of Chaves County FRW. Candidate for Lt. Governor Michelle Garcia Holmes, who ran unopposed, will speak at the Dona Ana County FRW on June 22.

Region C Clubs are determined '**Paint the State Red!**' and get all of our Republican candidates elected. We plan on doing this through hard work and strong campaigning. This is a very important election for our conservative values and the future of our state.

Chaves County FRW – Teresa Barncastle

The CCFRW hosted Republican candidates for the mayoral and city council election and then prepared for the Primary. We were able to hear most of the candidates who had opponents speak at our luncheons. We are honored to say that member Yvette Herrell will be the Republican candidate for Congressional District 2 in the General Election.

CCFRW is currently collecting items for our troops that will be mailed in time for them to receive by the 4th of July. We continue to support the *Assurance Home* with cupcakes and ice cream on Valentine's Day and birthday cards. We will be putting together goodie bags for each child to take with them, when they watch the fireworks display on July 4.

CCFRW awarded scholarships to three local young ladies; Victoria Vasquez, daughter of member Margaret Kennard was awarded \$1,000, and \$500 each was awarded to Laura Ann Laidley and Elaina Mathews. The NMFRW \$1,500 scholarship was won by Brianna Meeks, step-daughter of our County Commissioner, and associate member of CCFRW.

CCFRW hosted *Right to Work* training sponsored by the *Americans for Prosperity* in May. On the following Monday, supporters attended the Chaves County Commission meeting where a public hearing and vote was held. We are proud to announce that **Chaves County is now a Right to Work County.**

We are looking forward to the General Election and will work hard to get our candidates elected. Attorney General Candidate Michael Hendricks, Land Commissioner Candidate Pat Lyons, and

Congressional District 2 Candidate Yvette Herrell are already scheduled to speak at our meetings.

Doña Ana County FRW – Patricia Rothengass

DACFRW's January meeting set the pace for February, March, April, May, and the rest of 2018.

In February and March, we got signatures and \$5 donations for four Judges running for the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

My husband and I along with other members and spouses attended the Doña Ana County and NMRP 2018 Pre-Primary conventions. Both conventions were well attended, hectic, but rewarding.

February through June began the marathon of candidates coming to speak to DACFRW. They informed us of issues and why they wanted to represent the people of New Mexico. We listened, questioned and voted in the Primary.

What's ahead for DACFRW? We have four more meetings until Election Day November 6. We have already scheduled candidates to speak. All of the candidates are on our Special Invitation List and are always welcome to drop in whenever they can. **We will turn New Mexico and the United States of America around by supporting all our Republican candidates. Remember, voting is a privilege and a duty let's do it every chance we get.**

DACFRW supports our veterans through clothing, comfort items, and nonperishable food donations.

Our Americanism Chair will again setup an Essay Contest in the schools and just started a program to **wear and display the flag on Flag Day June 14.**

And last, but not least, DACFRW is 80 this year and we hope to find the time for a celebration.

Grant County FRW – Candy Luhrsen**Highlights:**

- Five members at the RPNM Pre-Primary Conv.
- Facilitated 14 each Meet and Greet events.
- Started a newsletter and have a new Facebook page (Grant County NM FRW).
- All Candidates at meetings may speak briefly.
- Manned booths at Gun Show, Car Show, and Rodeo - registered voters, sold tickets, hats, t-shirts, and jewelry, and distributed information.
- Donated clothing, hygiene items, and food to the Silver City Gospel Mission for the homeless;
- Sent **Valentine's Day care packages**, to our deployed military men and women;
- Hosted our 2nd Annual Hurley Easter Egg Hunt.
- Erected a GCFRW sign on a highway median, where other Grant County non-profits post signs.
- Joined the Grant County Pro-Life Group (mostly Hispanic Democrats), who are just learning their party supports abortion.

- Hosted a reception for Lt. Governor Sanchez.
- Registered voters at 2 high schools / gave away *U.S. Constitutions* and *Now You Are 18* booklets.

I instituted Executive Board meetings. Members who hold office or chair committees meet to plan events / make decisions about proposals to bring before the membership. I receive valuable input about our activities, since active members are more likely to speak up in the smaller group.

Our fundraisers include: a 3-prize drawing (a vintage, sterling silver jewelry set; a \$200 Ace Hardware gift card; and an American flag made of copper, stainless steel, and burnt pine wood, with shotgun shells for stars), sales of patriotic items and 50/50s at meetings.

Lincoln County FRW – President Ann Eby

LCFRW meetings are the fourth Monday monthly at noon, with social, meal, and speakers. We began 2018 with many members as delegates to the NM Pre-Primary Convention.

Our next effort was gathering with other NMFRW board members at the winter board meeting; that I attended bringing back information to our county keeping us updated.

Our meetings this far have offered a platform for candidates to speak, exposure, and hand out campaign literature. We have had forums with great questions from the public that gathered.

We joined the RPLC to host Meet & Greets for various candidates.

Our largest endeavor this year was our *First Annual Afternoon Tea & Fashion Extravaganza*, held the first weekend in June. This was a threefold initiative:

1. Partnering with local fashion shops to boost the economy,
2. Giving guests an opportunity to interact with LCFRW members, and
3. Raising funds for the non-profit we support - *Life-Way of Lincoln County Pregnancy Resource Center*. We offer more information to this much needed resource, which assists those with challenging pregnancies to choose life. We donated \$900 to *Life-Way*.

We are already fine-tuning our second annual Tea, hope you will join us.

Socorro County FRW – Rosie Tripp

We held our March monthly meeting at Republican Headquarters with a potluck lunch. Lt. Governor Candidate Michelle Garcia Holmes, and State Auditor Wayne Johnson were our guests. They introduced themselves and told us why they were running and what they expected to do in office.

In April our guests were Secretary of State Candidate JoHanna Cox and Attorney General Candidate

Michael Hendricks. We formed our scholarship committee to select a winner for the SCFRW Scholarship.

On May 10, I presented our first SCFRW Scholarship for \$1,000 to Audryahana Baca, a 2018 graduate of Socorro High School. She has set her goal on becoming a labor and delivery room nurse.

At our next meeting at the end of June we will begin planning for our **Annual Ice Cream Social**. Funds raised from this event will go toward our scholarship and to help female candidates.

Editor's Note – Candy Luhrsen:

NMFRW club presidents and committee chairwomen submit approximately 31 articles/reports for the newsletters published after each NMFRW meeting. I appreciate their hard work!

Sad News . . . Marianne Chiffelle suffered a stroke on February 8 and passed away on June 7. Funeral Services were Sunday, June 24, at the French Mortuary location on Lomas in Albuquerque. The family is asking for donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in lieu of flowers, cards, or gifts.

Marianne was always a bright spot and friendly smile at the NMFRW meetings. She was a survivor of a WWII Japanese Internment camp in the Dutch Indies, now called Indonesia. She was very active in many worthy volunteer activities until her stroke. God bless you, Marianne. We're going to miss you.

An Encouraging Note: several good Republicans have warned me that I should not wear Trump t-shirts or jewelry, because it offends people. I have decided that I must come out of the closet about this. I've got President Trump's back, cuz he's got mine!

BTW, when I wear my Trump stuff in public (Walmart, grocery store, gas station, etc.), strangers of all ages and income levels approach me and offer positive comments, "I like your shirt!" "I love your Trump pin!" It happened four times in the two days of our board meeting. Try it, you'll be surprised!

Reminder: NMFRW's next Board meeting will be October 19 & 20, 2018, at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid. Training will be offered on best practices. Registration cost will be around \$80.

Chaplain's Notes – Nancy Cangiolosi and Jean Brown: No Report.